



TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

October 19, 2015

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TOWN COMMITTEES

Currently there are openings on the following (1) Conservation Commission, (1) Council on Aging Board, (2) Historical Commission and (1) Parks & Recreation Committee. These are listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

MONTY TECH

Received change in Assessment from Monty Tech a DECREASE of \$1,279. The decrease was due to the net increase of CH70 School (\$7,430) and CH 71 transportation (\$9,333) aid pro-rated for Ashburnham.

DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

MassDOT has scheduled a Design Public Hearing for Monday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m. on the Williams Road, Corey Hill, and the Route 101 intersection. This Public Hearing will take place in the Training Room at the Public Safety Building.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Warrant was posted on Tuesday October 13, 2015 for the Special Town Meeting to be held at Oakmont, in the auditorium, on the 27th of October, and there are 7 articles on the warrant.

WATER AND SEWER

I met with the Water and Sewer Commissioners on October 13th. They voted to leave the water rate alone but increase the sewer rate from \$12.00 to \$13.25 Hcuft, short of the \$13.75 I requested. This was needed due to the 10% rate increase from Gardner. There is going to be a substantial shift in allocation of sewer revenues over the next four years. Gardner is increasing the rate we pay over the next three years on an average of six percent. The sewer loan is not due to expire until August of 2018, yet the sewer assessments will be completed this fiscal year. That means that as the yearly assessment goes away it will be replaced by a substantial rate increase until the debt is paid off.